

BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

November 17-18, 2016
Holiday Inn Park Plaza
Ballroom
Helena MT

Thursday, November 17, 2016
1:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Carroll called the meeting to order at 1:06PM. The Chair welcomed guests and the board said the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Ms. Stockton and Chair Carroll read the Statement of Public Participation.

Board members present included: Ms. Sharon Carroll, Chair; Ms. Tammy Lacey; Ms. Molly DeMarco, Student Rep; Ms. Erin Williams; Ms. Mary Jo Bremner; Mr. Jesse Barnhart. Staff present included: Mr. Pete Donovan, Executive Director Board of Public Education; Ms. Kris Stockton, Administrative Assistant. Ex-officio members present included: Ms. Angela McClean, OCHE; Ms. Candy Ubansky, OPI; Ms. Siri Smillie, Governor Bullocks office. Guests present included: Ms. BJ Granbery, OPI; Ms. Nancy Coopersmith, OPI; Mr. Nathan Miller, OPI; Ms. Patty Muir, OPI; Dr. Linda Peterson, OPI; Ms. Karin Billings, OPI; Ms. Tiffany Loeffler, Agency Legal Services; Mr. Rob Stutz, Agency Legal Services; Dr. Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana; Mr. Dennis Parman, MREA; Mr. Bob Vogel, MTSSA; Ms. Ann Gilkey, OPI; Ms. Marga Lincoln, Helena Independent Record; Jonathon Ambarian, KTVH News; Mr. Jack Copps, Helena Public Schools; Ms. Aiden Myhre, Chair of Helena School Board; Ms. Kristine Thatcher, OPI; Ms. Sue Mohr, OPI; Mr. Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT; Ms Donell Rosenthal, OPI; Ms. Madalyn Quinlan, OPI; Ms. Jael Prezeau, OPI; Ms. Fran Penner-Ray, OPI; Ms. Kara Sperle, OPI; Mr. Michael Hall, OPI; Mr. Ken Morrison, Helena MT; Ms. Diane Burke, MQEC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Kirk Miller presented to the Board the most recent publication from the Montana Public Information Center.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

ADOPT AGENDA

Ms. Erin Williams moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Mary Jo Bremner seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

*****Items are listed in the order in which they are presented.*****

INFORMATION ITEMS

- ❖ **REPORTS – Sharon Carroll (Items 1-6)**

❖ **MSDB LIAISON - Mary Jo Bremner (Item 10-11)**

**Item 10 MSDB REPORT
Donna Sorensen**

Ms. Sorensen updated the Board including the first Listening Session held November 3rd, and update on Donna's mentorship program she is participating in, an award received by teacher Diane Moog as the national Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments and Multiple Challenges. Updates on Student Enrollments, Student Services, and the Prison Braille program the MSDB is partnering with to teach inmates to be Braille transcribers.

- **Approve MSDB Policy Revisions (2nd Reading)**

Ms. Mary Jo Bremner moved to approve the MSDB policies for second reading and as heard before the Board at the September 2016 for first reading, MSDB policy 2310, 2310P, 2312, 2340, 3612, 3612F. Ms. Tammy Lacey seconded the motion.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting closed at 3:24PM

*******CLOSED*******

**Item 11 EVALUATION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MONTANA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND
Sharon Carroll**

Meeting re-opened at 4:30PM

Meeting recessed at 4:32PM

Friday November 18, 2016
8:00 AM

Chair Carroll reconvened the meeting at 8:03 AM, and asked Ms. Siri Smillie to update the Board with the Governor's Office Report. Ms. Smillie was unable to give the report on Thursday due to the Board of Regents meeting.

DISCUSSION

**Item 5 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORT
Siri Smillie**

Ms. Smillie gave the Governor's Office report updating the Board on the Governor's budget particularly pertaining to Education, which includes an inflationary increase for BASE Aid, a \$12 million proposal for preschool, and funding from resources. In addition, the Governor is also requesting a \$1 million investment for suicide prevention. Ms. Smillie noted that the Governor places a high priority on public education and will continue to support it during the upcoming Legislature. Ms. Smillie updated the Board on other projects including a report from the Work Based Summit in September, and an expressed appreciation for Superintendent Juneau's contributions.

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Sharon Carroll (Items 12-15)**

Item 12 FEDERAL REPORT
Nancy Coopersmith, BJ Granberry

Ms. BJ Granberry updated the Board with the Federal report specifically the work on the ESSA draft plan which is to be submitted to the Department of Education as required by law. Ms. Nancy Coopersmith reported on the budget and funding regarding the new ESSA plan. In addition, Ms. Coopersmith reported on the Carl Perkins Act, and reauthorization pending for Special Education, both of which will likely not happen with the new Administration and Congress coming in January. Chair Carroll recognized Ms. Coopersmith on her work for Montana students and all her contributions and wished her well in her retirement. A standing ovation was given Ms. Coopersmith by the Board and guests.

Item 13 TRAFFIC EDUCATION REPORT
Fran Penner-Ray

Ms. Fran Penner-Ray updated the Board on the Traffic Education Report, ongoing efforts to decrease teen driver accidents, recruitment of new instructors, training for school bus drivers, and that funding for the program comes from a portion of driver's license fees paid.

Item 14 PROPOSED CHANGES TO ARM 10.64.301, BUS STANDARDS
Kara Sperle, Donnell Rosenthal

Ms. Kara Sperle updated the Board with the proposed changes to the Bus Standards and the process. Ms. Donnell Rosenthal answered questions from the Board on the proposed changes as presented. Discussion took place on several topics including left hand drop off, transportation for homeless students and foster care students, and a discussion on seat belts for school buses. Ms. Sperle reviewed the timeline for the proposed changes with the Board.

ACTION

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public will be afforded the opportunity to comment before the Board on every action item on the agenda prior to final Board action.

Chair Carroll announced that the following items will be heard but Action will be delayed until Board member Schottle can call in to the meeting to establish the quorum required for the Board to take action.

Item 15 APPROVE CRITICAL QUALITY EDUCATOR SHORTAGE REPORT
Madalyn Quinlan

Ms. Quinlan updated the Board with the Quality Educator Shortage Report by briefly reviewing the program, how distributions are made, and the qualifications for teachers to receive the loan forgiveness of up to \$3,000/year for four years. Ms. Quinlan explained the Board's responsibility is to approve the report so that the funds can be disbursed. Ms. Quinlan referred to the report for a list of the impacted schools for the Board's review. Ms. Quinlan fielded questions from the Board.

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Erin Williams (Items 16-17)**

Item 16 CONTENT STANDARDS REVISION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE
Pete Donovan, Jael Prezeau

Ms. Prezeau reported to the Board and distributed information regarding one small change to the process since the Board last heard this item in September per feedback from the CSPAC. Ms. Prezeau has also presented this process to the MACIE and the County Superintendents. Ms. Prezeau reviewed the

changes which have been made to the schedule. Questions from the Board were answered by Ms. Prezeau.

9:35 AM Dr. Darlene Schottle called in to the meeting.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the proposed Content Standards Revision process as presented today. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.

No discussion. Motion passed.

Ms. Prezeau announced that she will be leaving the Office of Public Instruction and thanked the Board for their support.

Item 15 This item is being brought back for a motion.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to approve the Critical Quality Educator Shortage Report. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey.

No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Coopersmith announced that Ms. Quinlan, Ms. Ubansky, and Ms. Gilkey will all be leaving the Office of Public Instruction with the new Superintendent coming in January. All are personal administrative staff to Superintendent Juneau and with a new Superintendent they will not be returning with the new administration. The Board thanked them all for their service to public education in Montana.

**Item 17 RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE THE ACCREDITATION OF THE GLASGOW MIDDLE SCHOOL
Michael Hall**

Mr. Hall explained the new structure of the Glasgow Middle school which was previously a 7-8 school but the school now holds 6th grade students and is moving from a 7-8 Junior High style school to a Middle School. With this change comes a new set of standards for the school to comply with, new accreditation status, and Mr. Hall explained for the Board how the school has incorporated those changes successfully. Mr. Hall answered Board member questions.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the Glasgow 7-8 to Glasgow Middle School, and congratulated the school on their hard work. Mr. Jesse Bremner seconded the motion.

Dr. Schottle echoed Mr. Lacey's congratulatory comments. No further discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

❖ ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Paul Andersen (Item 18)

**Item 18 ASSESSMENT REPORT
Jessica Eilertson**

Ms. Eilertson introduced herself to the Board as the new Assessment Director at the OPI and presented her report to the Board. Ms. Eilertson covered some new options for teachers to use for assessment tools in their classrooms and fielded questions from the Board.

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Tammy Lacey (Items 19-22)

**Item 19 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE PROPOSES TO ADD A SECONDARY COMPUTER SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT
Dr. Linda Vrooman-Peterson**

Dr. Peterson discussed the approval being sought by the University of Montana for an endorsement in Computer Science Secondary Education endorsement. The endorsement is based upon the Computer Science minor at the University of Montana. Dr. Lisa Blank from the UM presented the item to the Board. Dr. Blank reviewed the program and discussed the need for employment in computer science vs. the number of students enrolled in computer science programs and that the number of students in the pipeline does not meet the demand in the workforce.

*****TIME CERTAIN @10:30 AM*****

**Item 20 LICENSE SURRENDER OF BPE CASE #2016-04
Rob Stutz**

Mr. Stutz reviewed the case as originally a revocation request from the Superintendent. Mr. Stutz turned the item to Ms. Ann Gilkey, Chief Legal Counsel for OPI who reviewed the case for the Board and discussed the Boards review of the case in September. Since the September BPE meeting Mr. Goldhahn, has surrendered his license, and no action is required of the Board.

**Item 21 HEARING ON BPE CASE #2016-05
Rob Stutz**

Mr. Stutz reviewed the appeal of Denise Campbell who withdrew her appeal on November 17, 2016. The item requires no action by the Board.

ACTION

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**Item 22 RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND REPEAL OF ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 57 LICENSURE RULES
Ann Gilkey**

Ms. Gilkey reviewed the public hearing held on November 9th and the proposed requests from the MT PEC organization for additions to the recommended rules from the Superintendent, but emphasized that the OPI is not recommending those proposals in the rule revision. Ms. Gilkey reviewed the revisions the OPI has requested as additions at the public hearing which include defining a year of teaching experience as requested by CSPAC, and to clarify that applicants for a Class 3 are not required to submit PRAXIS scores for licensure. Mr. Donovan clarified for the audience that the Board members received all the written comment that was submitted during the public comment period. Chair Carroll described the parliamentary process the Board will use for this item.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to approve the amendment to ARM 10.57.101, 10.57.102, 10.57.107, 10.57.109, 10.57.201A, 10.57.215, 10.57.218, 10.57.410 through 421, 10.57.424, 10.57.427 through 10.57.433, 10.57.435, 10.57.438, 10.57.601B, and 10.57.602 with corrections from the Superintendent, and repeal ARM 10.57.201, and authorize filing of the Notice with the Secretary of State for publication in the Montana Administrative Register. Mr. Jesse Barnhart seconded the motion.

No discussion. Comment from Ms. Lacey that she is comfortable with the Superintendent's recommendation.

Ms. Tammy Lacey moved to amend the motion to amend 10.57.413 Class 3 Administrative License (4) An applicant for a Class 3 administrative license who completed an educator preparation program which does not meet the definition in ARM 10.57.102(2), who is currently licensed in another state at the same level of licensure, may be considered for licensure with verification of five years of successful administrative experience as defined in ARM 10.57.102 as documented by a recommendation from a state accredited P-12 school employer on a form prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and approved by the Board of Public Education and that the requirements in 10.57.414(1)©(i-iii) must be met by an applicant seeking a superintendent endorsement. Mr. Jesse Barnhart seconded the motion.

Dr. Kirk Miller provided public comment in support of the amendment to the motion.

Mr. Bob Vogel, MTSBA concurred with Dr. Miller.

Mr. Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT spoke in support of the amendment.

Mr. Ken Morrison, Helena, thanked the board for their consideration of the amendment.

Ms. Diane Burke, MQEC spoke in support of the amendment.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart spoke with concerns regarding the amendment.

Dr. Schottle spoke in support of the amendment.

Ms. Lacey spoke in support as well allowing the local control necessary to determine the best candidate for their district.

Chair Carroll also provided comment with her concerns with the amendment but stated that the form approved by the Board eases her concerns to support the amendment

Amendment approved unanimously.

Mr. Jesse Barnhart moved to amend the original motion to amend ARM 10.57.102 for the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE). A MACTE educator preparation program is subject to the following restrictions: Completion of a MACTE accredited program may only be used by an applicant for licensure who has also completed at least a bachelor's degree; and the resulting license granted for an applicant for licensure who has completed a MACTE accredited program shall be limited to elementary and/or middle grades licensure and only for the grade level(s) covered by the MACTE accredited program completed by the applicant. Motion seconded by Ms. Tammy Lacey with the correction that

the language should say “early grades”, rather than “elementary grades”, to remain consistent with language throughout Chapter 57.

Mr. Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT spoke in support of the amendment.

Mr. Bob Vogel, MTSBA, spoke in support of the amendment.

Dr. Kirk Miller, SAM spoke in support of the amendment.

Ms. Diane Burke, MQEC spoke in support of the amendment.

Several clarification questions from the Board were discussed.

Amended motion passed with members Carroll, Schottle, and Barnhart approving and member Lacey dissenting.

Chair Carroll commented that these are the Board’s rules and they can amend or change them if necessary, though she has concerns surrounding the bachelor’s degree portion of the MACTE amendment.

Member Lacey thanked the staff and the public for their hard work on this process. Comments echoed by Chair Carroll with specific thanks to CSPAC on their advice to the Board on these revisions.

Original motion as amended passed unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS January 20, 2017 (Conference Call)

Exiting Board Member – Last Meeting and Recognition

Transportation Report

MACIE Update

School Nutrition Annual Report

Assessment Update

Federal Update

Accreditation Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Darlene Schottle moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Jesse Barnhart.

No discussion. Meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM.

ADJOURN

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